

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1785-1797. **Page S13165**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1788, to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to make corrections and refinements in the medicare, medicaid, and SCHIP programs, as revised and added by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. (S. Rept. No. 106-199)

Report to accompany S. 438, to provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Chipewewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation. (S. Rept. No. 106-200)

S. 1792, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend expiring provisions, to fully allow the nonrefundable personal credits against regular tax liability. (S. Rept. No. 106-201) **Pages S13164-65**

Measures Passed:

Georgia/South Carolina Boundary Change: Senate passed H.J. Res. 62, to grant the consent of Congress to the boundary change between Georgia and South Carolina, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13191**

Prostate Cancer Research Funding: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 92, expressing the sense of the Senate that funding for prostate cancer research should be increased substantially, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S13191**

Adopted Orphans Citizenship Act: Senate passed S. 1485, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to confer United States citizenship automatically and retroactively on certain foreign-born children adopted by citizens of the United States. **Page S13191**

Law Enforcement Training: Senate passed S. 1235, to amend part G of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to allow railroad police officers to attend the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy for law enforcement training. **Pages S13191-92**

Use of Rotunda for Presentation of Congressional Gold Medal: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 196, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S13192**

African Growth and Opportunity Act Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 434, to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa. **Pages S13109-13, S13119-22, S13127, S13133-37, S13141-44**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 90 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 341), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S13111**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 27, 1999. **Page S13147**

Official Photograph: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the Senate photographer to take photographs of the desk of the late Senator Chafee. **Page S13190**

Appointment:

U.S. Capitol Preservation Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 100-696, announced the appointment of Senator Feinstein as a member of the United States Capitol Preservation Commission, vice Senator Dorgan. **Page S13190**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to the Social Security System; to the Committee on Finance. (PM-68). **Page S13162**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

J. Richard Fredericks, of California, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Thomas J. Motley, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Messages From the President:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—341)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 27, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13192.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PADUCAH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded hearings on issues relating to the investigation into allegations of the Department of Energy's failure to protect the safety of the workforce and the environment at the Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Paducah, Kentucky, focusing on accelerating cleanup, protecting worker safety, and identifying health problems related to exposure to plutonium, after receiving testimony from Senator Bunning; Representative Whitfield; David Michaels, Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety, and Health, and Carolyn L. Huntoon, Assistant

Secretary for Environmental Management, both of the Department of Energy; Richard D. Green, Director, Region IV, Waste Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency; Kentucky Governor Paul Patton, and James Bickford, Kentucky Department of Natural Resources, both of Frankfort; David Fuller, PACE Union Local, Paducah, Kentucky; Steve Markowitz, Queens College, Flushing, New York; and Richard C. Bird, Jr., Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts.

U.S. MILITARY READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues of readiness of the United States military forces, after receiving testimony from Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, USA, Chief of Staff, United States Army; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. James L. Jones, Jr., USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps; and Gen. Michael E. Ryan, USAF, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force.

DOD REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded hearings on the Department of Defense Real Property Management Program and the maintenance of the historic homes and senior officers' quarters, after receiving testimony from Kwai-Cheung Chan, Director, Sushil K. Sharma, Assistant Director, and Jonathan R. Tumin, Senior Evaluator, all of the Special Studies and Evaluations, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office; Randall A. Yim, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations; Maj. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, USA, Assistant Chief of Staff of the Army for Installation Management; Rear Adm. Michael W. Shelton, USN, Director, Facilities and Engineering Division, Chief of Naval Operations; Brig. Gen. Earnest O. Robbins, II, USAF, The Civil Engineer, United States Air Force; and Maj. Gen. Gary S. McKissock, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics, United States Marine Corps.

ALASKA SUBSISTENCE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the interpretation and implementation plans of subsistence management regulations for public lands in Alaska, after receiving testimony from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; and Rick Cables, Regional Forester, and Jim Caplan, Deputy Regional Forester, both of the Alaska Region, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

MENTAL HOSPITAL SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT USE

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on the improper use of seclusion and restraints in mental hospitals, and S. 736, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that individuals enjoy the right to be free from restraint and other abuse while in a psychiatric hospital or other care facility or treatment center, receiving testimony from Senators Dodd and Lieberman; Leslie G. Aronovitz, Associate Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Michael Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Dennis Klima, Bayhealth, Inc., Dover, Delaware; Laura Prescott, Sister Witness International, Worthington, Massachusetts; Charles E. Riordan, Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Connecticut, on behalf of the American Psychiatric Association; and Terrance Johnson, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of William A. Halter, of Arkansas, to be Deputy Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, after the nominee, who was in-

troduced by Senator Lincoln, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Ann Claire Williams, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Faith S. Hochberg, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Frank H. McCarthy, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, and Virginia A. Phillips, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. Ms. Williams was introduced by Senators Durbin, Fitzgerald, and Abraham, Ms. Hochberg was introduced by Senators Lautenberg and Torricelli, Mr. McCarthy was introduced by Senators Nickles and Inhofe, and Ms. Phillips was introduced by Senators Feinstein and Boxer, and Representative Calvert.

ALLEGED CHINESE ESPIONAGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts held closed hearings to examine alleged Chinese espionage at United States nuclear facilities and the transfer of United States technology to China, receiving testimony from John Dion, Acting Chief, Internal Security Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and James Griffin, Technical Director, Submarine Security, Office of Chief of Naval Operations.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 3145–3151; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 208–209, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: One report was filed today as follows: H.R. 2531, to authorize appropriations for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for fiscal year 2000, amended (H. Rept. 106–415).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Ose to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Stuart York of West Covina, California.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:04 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Extending the Period for Admission of an Alien as a Nonimmigrant: H.R. 3061, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 2 years the period for admission of an alien as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(S) of such Act, and to authorize appropriations for the refugee assistance program under chapter 2 of title IV of the Immigration and Nationality Act;

Pages H10775–76

Reauthorizing the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act: H.R. 2496, amended, to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994;

Pages H10786–87

Rongelap Resettlement Act: H.R. 2970, to prescribe certain terms for the resettlement of the people of Rongelap Atoll due to conditions created at Rongelap during United States administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands;

Pages H10787–89

Perkins County Rural Water System Act: H.R. 970, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc., for the construction of water supply facilities in Perkins County, South Dakota.

Pages H10789–91

National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization Act: H.R. 1528, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992;

Pages H10791–93

Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act: H.R. 1753, amended, to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of methane hydrate resources. Agreed to amend the title;

Pages H10793–97

Concerning Assistance to the Northern Part of Somalia: H. Con. Res. 20, concerning economic, humanitarian, and other assistance to the northern part of Somalia;

Pages H10798–S10800

Urging an End of the War Between Ethiopia and Eritrea: H. Con. Res. 46, urging an end of the war between Eritrea and Ethiopia and calling on the United Nations Human Rights Commission and other human rights organizations to investigate human rights abuses in connection with the Eritrean and Ethiopian conflict;

Pages H10807–11

Statistical Efficiency Act: H.R. 2885, amended, to provide uniform safeguards for the confidentiality of information acquired for exclusively statistical purposes, and to improve the efficiency and quality of Federal statistics and Federal statistical programs by permitting limited sharing of records among designated agencies for statistical purposes under strong safeguards;

Pages H10812–16

Designating the Dwight Eisenhower Executive Office Building: S. 1652, to designate the Old Executive Office Building located at 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, in Washington, District of Columbia, as the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H10816–21

Designating the Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse: S. 437, to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 338 Las Vegas Boulevard South in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the “Lloyd D. George United States Courthouse”—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H10821–22

Preventing the Misappropriation of Marks: H.R. 3028, to amend certain trademark laws to prevent the misappropriation of marks. Subsequently, the House passed S. 1255 and inserted in lieu the text of H.R. 3028. Agreed to amend the title. H.R. 3028 was then laid upon the table;

Pages H10823–31

Urging a Moratorium on Tariffs and Taxation of Electronic Commerce: H. Con. Res. 190, amended, urging the United States to seek a global consensus supporting a moratorium on tariffs and on special, multiple, and discriminatory taxation of electronic commerce (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 423 yeas with 1 voting “nay”, Roll No. 537);

Pages H10776–81, H10831–32

Sense of Congress Against Increasing Federal Taxes to Fund Additional Government Spending: H. Con. Res. 208, expressing the sense of Congress that there should be no increase in Federal taxes in order to fund additional Government spending (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 371 yeas to 48 nays with 3 voting “present”, Roll No. 538);

Pages H10782–86, H10832–33

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Geneva Convention: H. Con. Res. 102, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and recognizing the humanitarian safeguards these treaties provide in times of armed conflict (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 539);

Pages H10800–04, H10833

Commending Greece and Turkey for Their Response to the Recent Earthquakes: H. Con. Res. 188, commending Greece and Turkey for their mutual and swift response to the recent earthquakes in both countries by providing to each other humanitarian assistance and rescue relief (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 540);

Pages H10804–07, H10833–34

Locating and Securing the Return of Zachary Baumel and Others: Agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1175, to locate and secure the return of Zachary Baumel, an American citizen, and other Israeli soldiers missing in action (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 541)—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H10811–12, H10834–35

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Veto Message—Commerce, State, Justice Appropriations: Message wherein he announced his veto of H.R. 2670, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending

September 30, 2000, and explains his reasons therefor—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106-148); and

Pages H10835-36

Proposed Legislation—Strengthen Social Security and Medicare Act: Message wherein he transmitted his legislative proposal entitled the Strengthen Social Security and Medicare Act of 1999—referred to the Committees on Ways and Means, Rules, and Budget and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106-149). Page H10837

Barry Goldwater Scholarship For Excellence in Education Foundation: The Chair announced the Minority Leader's appointment of Representative Pickett to the Barry Goldwater Scholarship For Excellence in Education Foundation. Page H10836

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H10772 and H10797-98.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10831-32, H10832-33, H10833, H10833-34, and H10834-35. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

KOSOVO—READINESS IMPACT OF OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on the readiness impact of operations in Kosovo: problems encountered, lessons learned, and reconstitution. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. John P. Jumper, USAF, Commander in Chief, U.S. Air Forces, Europe; Gen. Charles T. Robertson, Jr., USAF, Commander in Chief, U.S. Transportation Command; and Lt. Gen. John W. Handy, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff (Installations and Logistics), all with the Department of the Air Force; Vice Adm. Daniel J. Murphy, Jr., USN, Commander, 6th Fleet; Vice Adm. James Amerault, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Logistics); and Brig. Gen. Robert M. Flanagan, USMC, Deputy Commander, II MEF (Marine Expeditionary Force), U.S. Marine Corps, all with the Department of the Navy.

RUSSIAN THREAT PERCEPTIONS AND PLANS FOR SABOTAGE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a hearing on Russian threat perceptions and plans for sabotage against the United States. Testimony was heard from Col. Oleg Gordievsky, KGB, former Chief of Sta-

tion, London; and Christopher Andres, History Department Chair, Cambridge University.

STATE OF SECURITY—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY LABORATORIES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the state of security at the Department of Energy's Los Alamos National Laboratory (New Mexico) and Sandia National Laboratory (New Mexico). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Eugene E. Habiger, Director, Office of Security and Emergency Operations; Edward J. Curran, Director, Office of Counter Intelligence; Glenn S. Podonsky, Director, Office of Independent Oversight and Performance Assurance; Gil Weigand, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Strategic Computing and Simulation; James Turner, Manager, Oakland Operations Office; and Richard E. Glass, Manager, Albuquerque Operations Office; John C. Browne, Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory; C. Paul Robinson, President and Laboratories Director, Sandia National Laboratories; and C. Bruce Tarter, Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

OVERSIGHT—FCC REFORM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held an oversight hearing on Federal Communications Commission Reform for the New Millennium. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FCC: William E. Kennard, Chairman; Susan Ness; Harold W. Furchtgott-Roth; Michael K. Powell; and Gloria Tristani, all Commissioners.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology approved for full Committee action H.R. 3137, to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to provide for training of individuals a President-elect intends to nominate as department heads or appoint to key positions in the Executive Office of the President.

TAIWAN SECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1838, Taiwan Security Enhancement Act.

U.S. TRADE POLICIES AND AGRICULTURAL DISEASE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on U.S. Trade Policies and Agricultural Disease: Safety, Economic, and Global Considerations. Testimony was heard from Michael V. Dunn, Under

Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Service, USDA; Alan Bowser, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Basic Industries, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

CONSENT OF CONGRESS—RED RIVER BOUNDARY COMPACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action H.J. Res. 72, granting the consent of the Congress to the Red River Boundary Compact.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from Representatives Thornberry and Sandlin; David B. Braddock, member, House of Representatives, State of Oklahoma; and Eric Sigsbey, General Counsel, General Land Office, State of Texas.

WARTIME VIOLATION OF ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 2442, Wartime Violation of Italian American Civil Liberties Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lazio and Engel; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL AID PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Committee on Resources: Concluded oversight hearings on the Federal Aid Programs administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Part III). Testimony was heard from Donald J. Barry, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1509, to authorize the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; and H.R. 2532, National Heritage Areas Policy Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representative Sam Johnson of Texas; Denis Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

EDUCATION RESEARCH

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on Education Research: Is What We Don't Know Hurting Our Children? Testimony was heard from Judith S. Sunley, Assistant Director, Directorate for Education and Human Resources, NSF;

C. Kent McGuire, Assistant Secretary, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, Department of Education; G. Reid Lyon, Chief, Child Development and Behavior Branch, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

Y2K AND NUCLEAR POWER

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform held a joint hearing on Y2K and Nuclear Power: Will Reactors React Responsibly? Testimony was heard from Frank Miraglia, Deputy Executive Director, Reactor Programs, NRC; the following officials of the GAO: Joel Willemssen, Director, Civil Agency Information Systems; and Keith Rhodes, Chief Scientist; and a public witness.

PERSIAN GULF WAR VETERANS ISSUES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on Persian Gulf War veterans issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Joseph Thompson, Under Secretary, Benefits; Robert Epley, Director, Compensation and Pension Service; and Charles R. DeCoste, Director, Data Management Office, all with the Veterans Benefits Administration; and Victor Gordan, M.D., VA Medical Center, Manchester, New Hampshire; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on the nomination of the following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, 9172, to be General; the nomination of the following named officer for appointment as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 154: Gen. Richard B. Myers, 7092, to be General; the nomination of the following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz, 0711, to be General; and the nomination of the following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility

under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, 7375, to be General, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold closed hearings, to be followed by open hearing (SD-608), on the agricultural biological weapons threat to the United States, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, to hold hearings on the impact of ECNs, focusing on the changing face of capital markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the future of U.S.-China relations, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on numerous tax treaties and protocol, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold a business meeting on pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on S. 979, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide for further self-governance by Indian tribes, 9 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on terrorism issues, focusing on victims' access to terrorist assets, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight, to hold hearings on the Justice Department's response to international parental kidnapping, 1:45 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider H.R. 728, Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments of 1999, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, oversight hearing on National Flood Insurance Program, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, to mark up H.R. 2944, Electricity Competition and Reliability Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to continue hearings on U.S. Policy Toward North Korea II: Misuse of U.S. Aid to North Korea, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, to mark up the following measures: H. Res. 169, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to democracy, free elections, and human rights in the Lao People's Democratic Republic; and H. Con. Res. 200, expressing the strong opposition of Congress to the military coup in Pakistan and calling for a civilian, democratically-elected government to be returned to power in Pakistan, 1:30 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue markup of H.R. 2366, Small Business Liability Reform Act of 1999 and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1283, Fairness

in Asbestos Compensation Act of 1999; H.R. 1869, Stalking Prevention and Victim Protection Act of 1999; and H.R. 2558, Prison Industries Reform Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R., 1924, Federal Agency Compliance Act, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following: H. Con. Res. 189, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the wasteful and unsportsmanlike practice known as shark finning; H.R. 1235, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Solano County Water Agency, California, to use Solano Project facilities for impounding, storage, and carriage of non-project water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes; H.R. 2278, to require the National Park Service to conduct a feasibility study regarding options for the protection and expanded visitor enjoyment of nationally significant natural and cultural resources at Fort Hunter Liggett, California; H.R. 2541, to adjust the boundaries of the Gulf Islands National Seashore to include Cat Island, Mississippi; H.R. 2879, to provide for the placement at the Lincoln Memorial of a plaque commemorating the speech of Martin Luther King, Jr., known as the "I Have A Dream" speech; H.R. 2903, Coral Reef Conservation and Restoration Act of 1999; H.R. 3063, to amend the National Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any one State; and H.R. 3077, to amend the Act that authorized construction of the San Luis Unit of the Central Valley Project, California, to facilitate water transfers in the Central Valley Project; followed by a hearing on H.R. 2958, to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife, and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 2090, Exploration of the Seas Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process, hearing on "The Impact of Executive Orders on the Legislative Process: Executive Lawmaking?" 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Space Transportation Architecture Studies: The Future of Earth-to-Orbit Spaceflight, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Competing in the New Millennium: Challenges Facing Small Biotechnology Firms, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation, hearing on the Bellingham, Washington, Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Incident, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 27

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate will consider H.R. 434, African Growth and Opportunity Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, October 27

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 3064, District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2000 (subject to a rule being granted); and

Consideration of H.R. 2260, Pain Relief Promotion Act of 1999 (structured rule, one hour of general debate).

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